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Hildebrand Farm
Near Morgnec
c.1820

The three bay long, two story frame dwelling on the Hildebrand Farm was built around 1820 in a vernacular manner, with hall-parlor plan. Both rooms have enclosed winder stairs with closets beneath and vertical beaded board chimney breasts. The two bay, two story wing was constructed soon after the main house. The building is loosely related in form and plan to the miller's house at Urieville, on the property across Morgan Creek, about a half mile away.

Hildebrand Farm received its name from Grace E. Brooks who married Merrill Hildebrand. After her father, P. A. M. Brooks, died in 1934, the farm was transferred to Grace Hildebrand.¹ Prior to that time, the farm was in the ownership of the Brooks family and appears to have accompanied the northern portion of Thornton since the 18th Century. G. M. Brooks appears as owner of the farm on the 1860 map. He was residing at Thornton at the time. On the same map, School No. 4 is located on the Hildebrand Farm opposite the lane to Thornton.

1. Land Records, Lib. RAS 30, fol. 543.

*HILDEBRAND FARM
Kennedyville, Maryland
(ca 1800)*

The Hildebrand House is significant as an example of a vernacular farm house of the early 19th century. The main house is a frame structure three bays long and two bays deep. Two stories in height, the building is covered with a 90° gable roof without dormers. Adjacent to the main house is a small two-story kitchen wing. Now greatly altered, the house is similiar in size and plan type to two nearby houses; Massey Farm (K-380), and the Urieville Miller's House (K-291).

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC HILDEBRAND FARM

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATIONSTREET & NUMBER East side Perkins Hill Road, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south
of junction with Wallis Bros. Road

CITY, TOWN

Kennedyville

☒ VICINITY OF

First

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Kent

STATE

Maryland 21645

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Grace Hildebrand

Telephone #: unlisted

STREET & NUMBER

8505 Springvale Lane

CITY, TOWN

Silver Spring

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Court House

Liber #: R A S 30

Folio #: 543

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland 21620

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Maryland Historical Trust, Survey of Kent County

DATE

1968

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust, The Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hildebrand Farm House is situated in open fields on high ground between two tributaries of Morgan Creek.

The main house is a frame structure three bays long and two bays deep. Two stories in height, the building is covered with a 90° gable roof without dormers. East of the main house is a two-bay long, two-bay deep wing. Also two stories in height and covered by a gable roof, the wing is about two feet lower than the main house. The roofs of both sections of the building are finished with verge boards at the gables and box cornices at the eaves. They are covered with asphalt shingles.

The house rests on a stuccoed brick foundation, and on the west gable, the chimney back is exposed to the second floor joists.

The building is currently undergoing an extensive remodeling which includes replacing all windows, removal or rebuilding of chimneys, replacing most interior finishes, covering the exterior of the building with narrow aluminum siding, and construction of a screened porch at the east end of the house. A new six-panel door with denticulated architrave replaces the original door and transom on the south facade of the house. A three-part picture window has been installed in the south wall, first floor of the wing.

The house was a typical hall and parlour house common in this area in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Its floor plan has been altered but simple paneling remains in the gable ends of

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES *ca 1800*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant as an example of a vernacular farm house of the early 19th century. Although greatly altered, it survives as a document of early farm life on this part of the Eastern Shore.

The house is similiar in size and plan type to other nearby houses: the Massey Farm (K-380), and the Urieville Miller's House (K-291). The two houses are similiar in size, have side wings, and hall and parlour floor plans. They probably typify the modest housing that was affordable by small farmers and rural tradesmen.

The barns and corn cribs on the Hildebrand Farm are interesting and well maintained examples of the kind of farm buildings constructed from the late 19th to the early 20th century. It is interesting to note the similiarity between the framing system of the house (ca 1800-1825) and the barns (ca 1875-1925).

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Maryland Historical Trust Survey Records, K-194, September 12, 1968

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

778-4600 ext.67

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland 21620

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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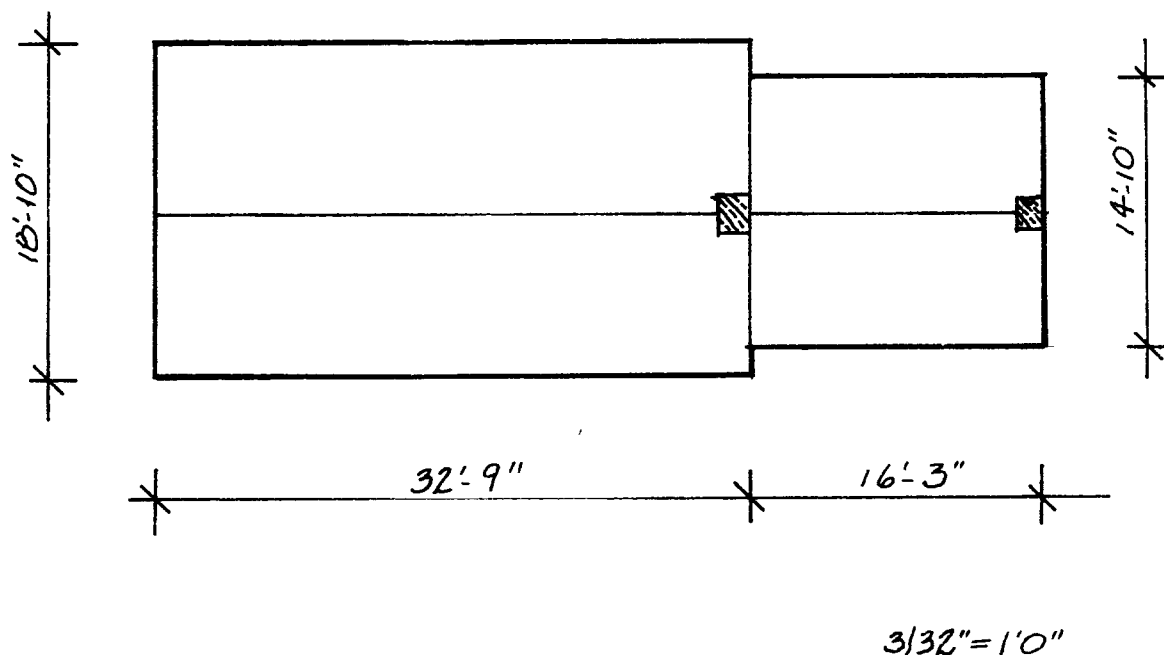
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the first floor rooms.

In both of these rooms, the wooden paneling consists of a door to a corner stair, a door to a closet under the stair, and boarding on the chimney breast. Doors have six raised and beveled panels with a plain ovolo panel moulding. Board paneling consists of random width boards with $3/8$ " beads. The surrounds of doors and fireplaces are quarterrounds. The fireplace openings are rectangular although the fireplaces themselves have been rebuilt.

Because of ongoing construction, the heavy timber frame of the main house is exposed in some locations. Also visible is the pit-sawn back face of the original weatherboarding which continues around to the east gable of the main house, showing that it predates the wing. Portions of narrow beaded board closets remain on the second story. Original flooring in the building is wide yellow pine.

The outbuildings on the property all appear to date from the later nineteenth or early twentieth century. They are typically frame with pegged frames of heavy timbers, nailed rafters, and vertical siding. Major buildings include barns and corn cribs.



1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Kent TOWN Chestertown VICINITY Morgnet STREET NO. Perkins Hill Road, 1 mile south of Rt. 213, (east) ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE dwelling PRESENT OWNER Mrs. F.M. Hildebrand PRESENT USE tenant house WALL CONSTRUCTION frame NO. OF STORIES two		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY K - 194	
		2. NAME Hildebrand Farm DATE OR PERIOD early 19th century STYLE Federal ARCHITECT BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC NO			
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5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered no Interior Exterior good			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)			
7. PHOTOGRAPH			
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Michael Bourne DATE OF RECORD Sept. 12, 1968	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

Name Hildebrand Farm MHT# K-194
 Location Kent Kennedyville
 COUNTY town
Perkins Hill Road - 1 mile south of Rt 263
 address or road#

First owner of record _____ DATE _____
 Present owner Mrs. F.M. Hildebrand DATE _____
 Address Chester town, Md.
 Parcel or Deed # _____

Original use dwelling
 Present use dwelling - tenant
 Md. Map Coordinates _____
 Long. & Lat. reading _____
 Style Federal
 Date(s) of construction early 19th Century
 Architect _____
 Builder _____

DESCRIPTION:

2 NUMBER of stories frame - wood shingle
type wall construction
 Foundation-basement brick -

Wall construction- Frame covered w/ wood shingle

Water table, string course, other decorative work essential to walls

NO

Chimneys in each gable both - w/ fireplace back exposed
to 2nd floor level

Name

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Entrance type & placement

off center - very plain

Windows

6/6 - 3 bays long x 1 bay deep

Shutters

no

Roof type

A

covering wood

Cornice, eaves

wood - good condition

Dormers, cupolas

no

Porches

on the N. side of wing

Wings, hyphens

2 bay - 2 stories 1st story - also
lean-to hitches.

Interior:

Stairway

—

Doors

Trim

Other notable work

Name Hildebrand Farm MHT# K-194Physical condition goodEnvironment farm

References:

MHT Color slide # _____

MHT B & W # _____

Owner contacted tenant - Mrs. Clark

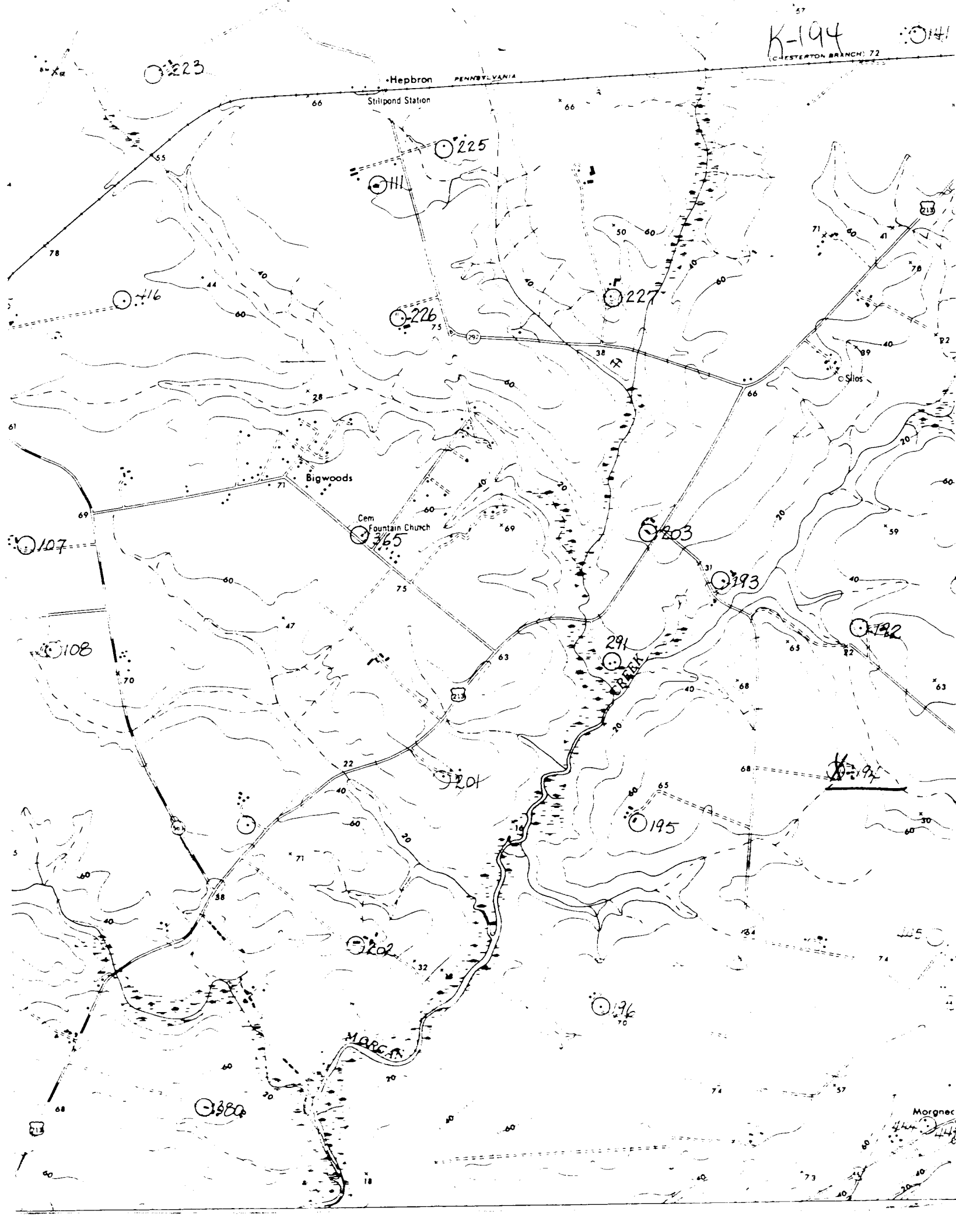
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Enclosures: e.g. Map, Historical significance, sketch of floor plan, and angle of photos, etc.

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K-194 Hildebrand Farm c.1820

South Facade

HILDEBRAND FARM (K-194)

Kennedyville, Kent County

Photograph: M.L. Fritz, January 1980